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Dear Mr. McLaughlin:

Your story on the death of Reino Hayhanen was very interesting. Unfortunately, my interest in and connection with Hayhanen ceased after the trial, and I had no knowledge of his whereabouts or activities. When the rumor cited by Miss Bernikow concerning his death in a crash on a turnpike came up, I asked someone about it as it sounded odd and was told that it was untrue as he had died of cirrhosis of the liver. As you know, Miss Bernikow quotes me on this also. Therefore, I cannot be of any assistance to you as to the accuracy or inaccuracy of your story.

Sincerely,

s/

Lawrence R. Houston  
General Counsel

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Mr. Lawrence Houston  
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Dear Sir:

Enclosed is an article which may be of some interest to you.

I would appreciate confirmation of all, or any parts, of my story.

Also, if there are inaccuracies, please point them out to me.

Also, if you can add anything to it, I would appreciate that too.

Thanks much.

Sincerely,



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## Reports on Abel's Betrayer in Error

Sunday Patriot-News, Harrisburg, Pa., Sept. 20, 1970

# Russian Spy Buried in York County

By HARRY McLAUGHLIN, Of Our York Bureau

YORK — A new book, "Abel", says the betrayer and colleague of Russian spy Col. Rudolf Ivanovich Abel died in the late summer of 1961 in Keene, N.H. at that's incorrect. He died in York.

Reino Hayhannen, Abel's spy partner, died in York Hospital on Aug. 24, 1961, it can be strongly substantiated, and later, he was buried in Greenmount Cemetery. The only mourners at the services were his Finnish wife and agents of the Central Intelligence Agency (CIA).

The bizarre account came to light for the first time on Thursday.

Hospital and Court records showed that Hayhannen at the spy trial that he was a Donovan defended Abel, but records showed that Hayhannen's public confession liver." York Hospital records show that "J.E.L." died of a liver ailment.

The book, "Abel", said Hayhannen and his wife disappeared after the 1957 trial and moved to Keene, N.H., where it was originally believed that he died. According to Hayhannen's death in this area has been kept secret for almost nine years, and at least two persons involved with Hayhannen's death, he was right as far as the date was concerned in July, 1961, but that Hayhannen had died a short time later. His residence and place of death were not revealed.

In Washington, D.C., yesterday, Lawrence Houston, general counsel for the CIA since its inception, said Donovan's account was incorrect.

Through a spokesman, Houston said, "Hayhannen died in a

Mrs. Decker confirmed reports that CIA agents attended a funeral and graveside services.

The service clergyman, the Rev. Robert E. Nale, pastor of Shiloh Lutheran Church, said yesterday he was convinced that Hayhannen and "J.E.L." were one and the same about two years later.

"Arrangements for the funeral were made by a lawyer from Keene, N.H., whose name appears in the new book, 'Abel', and who had worked in the spy trial," the Rev. Mr. Nale reported.

"Hayhannen, or 'J.E.L.', turned to York for a visit to the hospital and she had become a real alcoholic too. She also visited me, and, in her conversation, she often referred to herself as Hannah, the alias Mrs. Hayhannen used in applying for a passport to this country."

Hayhannen had adopted the alias, Eugene Maki, and his wife used the name Hannah Maki.

"It wasn't until I saw a published photo of Hayhannen, with a mask over his face, that convinced me he was also J.E.L.," the clergyman said. He added that he then talked to a local FBI agent about his puzzlement.

"Stranger things than that have happened, the FBI agent

### Baby Girl Sure Bet With Grandmother

TOCOMA, Wash. (AP) — Despite there having been only one girl born to the Crockett family in 91 years, Mrs. Gene Crockett was so sure the next child would be a girl that she sewed 25 feminine baby outfits.

Gina was born May 5, proving Mrs. Crockett right. The 8-pound, 4-ounce granddaughter was born to Mrs. Ronald Holt, Mrs. Crockett's daughter, Kensington.

continuously throughout nearly every day. He fingered Abel as the Soviet Union's top spy in the United States, and admitted that he was sent here to be the No. 2 man.

Donovan said that Abel never trusted Hayhannen, and showed particular concern because of his drinking habits. He ordered Hayhannen and his wife to return to the Soviet Union, but the pair disappeared from the Soviet Union-bound airplane after its arrival in Paris.

The CIA, according to the new book written by Louise Benihow, promised permanent protection to Hayhannen and his wife, who they felt would be the continuous subjects of search by Soviet